

Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908

Proposed Minutes of the RI State Pilotage Commission Meeting

Held at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island

September 9, 2010

Members in attendance:

Michael Scanlon, Chairperson

Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr.; Member

Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member

Others in attendance:

Atty. Gary Powers; Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary;

Captain Paul Costabile, NEMP

Excused from attendance: Larry Mouradjian, Member

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the June 3, 2010 meeting were approved by assent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Apprentice Pilot Update- Captain McVay reported the following:

1) Capt. Bogus has been busy and progressing along. Capt. McVay requested that the Commission back-date Capt. Bogus's approval for his license so he doesn't have to (apprentice) pilot for 13 months. He

advised the Chair that he would like Capt. Bogus piloting cruise ships next year.

2) The Chair made a motion to approve an upgrade for Captain Bogus's license as of August 3, 2010 from 32 to 34-foot draft, 30,000 gross tons. Peter Fritz seconded the motion.

3) Capt. McVay stated that if Capt. Bogus has met the criteria and continues to work, he would like the Commission to approve Capt. Bogus for under 30,000 gross unlimited draft.

4) Capt. Barnaby is still under evaluation and progressing. He has his New Haven endorsement and will probably be applying for Narragansett Bay apprenticeship. He does not have all the federal endorsements to date.

5) John Merrigan is home from sea and progressing along (He is still under evaluation and there are some concerns).

6) Capt. McVay reported that he interviewed candidates in July for the apprentice program. One of the candidates has started a new program with the NEMP referred to as the "Walker Apprentice Program". Capt. McVay stated that the program will help the Board with evaluating potential (apprentice) pilots. He stated that the above-candidate is out to sea at this time and when he returns the Board will continue to evaluate him. Capt. McVay also reported that he was very interested in another potential candidate and said he will continue to evaluate him as well.

There are also two other candidates that Capt. McVay found to be satisfactory.

B. Regulation Revisions:

1) The Chair advised commission members that Atty. Powers filed the revised regulations. Atty. Powers gave Capt. Costabile a copy for the NEMP's records.

2) The Chair advised the commission that there are several areas in statute that may require addressing such as legislative session. He stated that the statutes are outdated. He advised that the revisions should be done quickly and requested the other members to review the statutes for discussion at the next (RISPC) meeting.

i. Atty. Powers advised that any modification should be finalized by December. He also had concerns about statutory membership.

ii. Capt. McVay stated that he would speak with the pilots about the regulations and ask them what their concerns are.

iii. The Chair stated that he was concerned about whether the law refers to RI licensed pilots or all pilots in general.

II. New Business

A. Chairman's Retirement

1) The Chair advised the Commission that he has given Chief Hall a tentative retirement date for 2011.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Scheduled Meeting

The RI Pilot Commission plans to hold the next regular monthly Meeting in the conference room of the Division of Law Enforcement at

**DEM headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI
on October 7, 2010 starting at approximately 9:30 a.m.**